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2. SEVERAL BOYCOTTED AMERICAN FIRMS HAVE MENTIONED TO
COMMOFF THAT THEY ARE DISCUSSING WITH EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS ACTIONS TO LIFT THE BOYCOTT MEASURES AGAINST
THEIR FIRMS. THE GENERAL PATTERN APPEARS TO BE THAT THE
FIRMS WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL
WHICH CAUSED THE BOYCOTT ACTION TO BE TAKEN, BUT THAT THE
FIRMS MUST AGREE TO MAKE AN OFF SETTING NEW INVESTMENT IN
AN ARAB COUNTRY EQUAL TO OR LARGER THAN THE OPERATION
IN ISRAEL. AS YET, THE EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY
AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED ON THIS BASIS.

2. IN OTHER AREAS, THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO

BE SHOWING MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE APPLICATION OF BOYCOTT
PROCEDURES. AN AGREEMENT WITH AN AMERICAN FIRM WAS RECENTLY
INITIALED WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE THE STANDARD SECTION RELATING
TO OVERSANCE OF THE EGYPTIAN BOYCOTT LAWS. IT LIEU THEREOF,
THE AMERICAN COMPANY AGREED TO SEND THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT
A LETTER WHICH REFERRED TO THE EGYPTIAN BOYCOTT LAW BY NUMBER
ONLY AND INDICATED THATH THE COMPANY WOULD OBSERVE EGYPTIAN
LAW.

3. EMBASSY HOPES TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON APPLICATION
OF BOYCOTT PROCEDURES IN COMING WEEKS.
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